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1. Communist authorities in Peiping are rushing the construction of defenses and the improvement of facilities in T'aiyuan (112-30, 37-42) and Lanchou (103-41, 36-03). Important industrial plants and strategic materials are being removed from the Peiping-Tientsin area and coastal areas.

2. HSU Hsiang-ch'ien (徐向前), head of the T'aiyuan Military Control Commission, is in charge of constructing T'aiyuan defenses and improving facilities. On HSU's guarantee, Major General IWADA (岩田), former commander of [] forces in Shansi Province, was released from prison to supervise the construction of pillboxes on the outskirts of T'aiyuan and the expansion of Wusu (武宿) airfield, on the northern outskirts of T'aiyuan. The Chinese Communists are building underground hangars and a radar station at Nanyen (112-32, 27-47) airfield.

3. PENG Te-huai* is in charge of construction of defenses and improvements of facilities at Lanchou. Minister of Interior HSIEN Chuch-ts'ai is assisting him. HSIEN is to supervise the expansion of water and electrical facilities to accommodate 500,000 people, and the construction of 16 large buildings for the use of military and political organizations.

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[] was recently assigned to command Chinese Communist and North Korean forces.

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